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In joint communique

Kingdom, Bangladesh demand Israeli pullout

RIYADH, Dec. 29 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia and Bangladesh Tuesday reiterated that a just and lasting peace in the Middle East cannot be possible without the complete and unconditional withdrawal of the Israeli forces from occupied Arab lands, including the holy city of Jerusalem, and the restoration of Palestinian people's national and legitimate right to set up an independent state on their own land under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization, which is their sole and legitimate representative.

In a joint communique issued at the end of Bangladesh President Abdul Sattar's three-day state visit to the Kingdom, the two sides totally rejected Israel's annexation of Jerusalem and denounced its measures to also annex the Syrian Golan Heights. They described the Israeli measures as a "provocative and contemptuous act and a violation of all international norms and laws". Abdul Sattar left the Kingdom for Bangladesh Tuesday.

King Khaled lauded Bangladesh's efforts to achieve economic and social progress and recalled the splendid contribution of the late President Zia-ur-Rahman to the national and Islamic causes. He congratulated President Abdul Sattar on his election success and said he was confident that Bangladesh will realize rapid advancement under the able leadership of the new president.

The communique said that the two leaders held prolonged discussions on matters of mutual concern, extending from bilateral relations, regional and international matters to the issues concerning the Arab and Islamic world. The talks were held in an atmosphere dominated by a spirit of fraternity, cordiality and confidence which characterizes the existing relations between them based on mutual confidence and religious ties. They found that their views were identical on many world issues.

The two leaders expressed deep concern over the escalating Zionist-terrorist activities against the Arabs and the Islamic world, including the Palestinian people. The further expressed their anxiety over Israel's repeated violation of the resolutions of the U.N. and other international bodies and its disregard for the world public opinion.

The Bangladeshi leader repeated the total support of his government and people for the just appreciation of the positive and constructive initiatives being taken by King Khaled in this sphere. He also backed the Kingdom's eight-point peace plan and said it was a "constructive initiative to settle the Middle East issue".

The two sides expressed total support for the establishment of a peace zone in the Indian Ocean and asserted that the preservation of peace and stability in the Gulf region is the responsibility of the Gulf states, without foreign intervention. The Bangladeshi leader hailed the establishment of the Gulf Cooperation Council and hoped it would continue to achieve success in the realization of its objectives.

They reiterated their call for the immediate withdrawal of all Soviet forces from Afghanistan and urged that suitable conditions be created in Afghanistan to enable the Afghan people to decide their fate with freedom without any foreign influence and interference.

The two leaders expressed concern over the ongoing bloody struggle between Iran and Iraq and repeated their call to bring an immediate end to the war. They urged the two Islamic states to continue to extend brotherly cooperation to the efforts being exerted by Islamic Reconciliation Committee to find a peaceful solution to the conflict. They also reviewed the world economic situation and declared their determination to continue to strive for the establishment of a new economic order in the world.

The two leaders reaffirmed their resolve to realize the principles of the Cancun conference and to strive to encourage a beginning of the sessions of international negotiations and to find out a realistic program for the less developed states on the basis of the principles of justice and equality.

President Abdul Sattar explained the prevailing situation in Southeast Asia and his country's desire to improve and reinforce relations with the neighboring states through an active cooperation in economic, social and cultural fields. He recalled the proposal of his predecessor for regional cooperation and said that his country was making efforts to settle all outstanding issues with its neighbors.

King Khaled expressed his deep appreciation for the visit.

King receives ulema

RIYADH, Dec. 29 (SPA) — King Khaled received the sheikhs and ulema at his palace here Tuesday as he does every week.



JUBILEE: King Khaled seen cutting the ribbon announcing the beginning of the celebrations marking the silver jubilee of the foundation of Riyadh University, renamed Saud University Tuesday.

King Khaled attends

Saud U jubilee marked

RIYADH, Dec. 29 (SPA) — King Khaled attended Tuesday the silver jubilee celebrations for Saud University, formerly Riyadh University, one of the seven universities in the country. He was accompanied by Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, Defense Minister Prince Sultan and many other ministers, senior officials and officers. King Khaled ordered the name of the university to be changed to that of King Saud University as it used to be known.

The speakers included the Minister of Higher Education Sheikh Hassan, Education Minister Dr. Al-Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Khurwair, who was the first Saudi Arabian university professor; and Chancellor Dr. Mansour Al-Turki. They reviewed the progress of higher education in the country,

which only 25 years ago, had no university. Recalling the initial discussion to establish Riyadh University, Dr. Al Khurwair said the idea was at first too daunting to contemplate seriously. Few persons had the confidence to believe that the country could establish and sustain a university with a high standard of learning and teaching, he said.

The first class of graduates included 15 students only, the latest had 1,694 students in 75 specializations. A new university town will be completed in the near future, he said.

Later, King Khaled dedicated the medical teaching hospital named after him.

The four-story hospital, including a medical college, has 800 beds and some of the most advanced medical equipment and facilities for surgery, eye and nerve diseases.

Amid tight security

Atlanta jurors examined

ATLANTA, Dec. 29 (Agencies) — The trial of a 23-year-old freelance photographer accused of killing two of 28 young blacks murdered in Atlanta since 1979 has begun here amid tight security.

Wayne Williams, 23, himself a black, is charged with the first degree murder of Nathaniel Cater, 27, and Jimmy Ray Payne, 21. He pleaded not guilty when charged last Aug. 17. Williams, who was arrested last June 21, sat quietly in court Monday occasionally whispering to his lawyers as they queried 45 potential jurors as to their impartiality.

Nineteen persons were excused jury service Monday some after admitting they could not disregard pre-trial publicity about the killings and Williams' arrest. All 700 persons called for potential jury duty in the trial must be examined before a final choice of jurors is made. Selection of a panel could take a fortnight.

District Attorney Lewis Slaton and his assistants asked few questions of the prospective jurors in the initial day of jury selection, but defense lawyers Alvin Binder and Mary Welcome interrogated each one carefully, often at length.

Dogs trained to detect explosives sniffed over the courthouse before the trial began. Persons entering the courtroom passed through metal-detectors. A dozen policemen stood guard inside the court, and at least one marksman was posted on the roof of the building. Sixteen policemen, including marksmen on nearby roofs, were assigned to protect Williams as he arrived for the hearing.

Cater and Ray were both black, slightly-built and their bodies were found in a river last spring. The 26 other victims in the spate of killings which haunted this city in the deep south were also black and ranged in age from seven to 27.

Williams is the only person to have been charged in connection with any of the murders and a special police task force investigating the case has given the trial judge a document saying Williams's could be linked to 18 other killings.

Prosecutors are not seeking the death penalty for Williams who has pleaded innocent under Georgia law.

Poland makes work compulsory during siege

WARSAW, Dec. 29 (Agencies) — Work was Tuesday made compulsory for all men aged between 18 and 45 for the duration of the Polish state of siege, while 12 ringleaders in the just-ended Piast Mine sit-in were arrested.

Warsaw radio, monitored by the BBC in London, quoted a commentator in the Polish party newspaper *Trybuna Ludu* as saying the state of siege marked "the end of a certain stage in the activities of the Solidarity trade union." The article called Solidarity "a lasting and important constituent part of Polish social and political life" but its future would depend on its "readiness to engage in constructive actions to apply its energy to resolving the genuine problems of our uneasy reality."

The Polish government adopted the compulsory work decree Tuesday, the Soviet news agency Tass quoted P.A.P., its Polish counterpart, as saying.

Warsaw radio made the announcement about the arrest of ringleaders as travellers arriving from Poland confirmed official reports that most persons returned to work Monday after the holidays, apparently ignoring underground appeals for passive resistance to military rule. But uncensored reports reaching Western capitals suggested that many factory workers were going slow or setting assembly line routines.

Indian suggests metric calendar

NEW DELHI, Dec. 29 (AP) — A metric calendar with longer years and shorter minutes and seconds has been proposed by Brij Bhushan Vij, an Indian Air Force flight lieutenant.

The idea of splitting the day into 20 metric hours and on down into metric minutes and seconds was presented in a book *Toward Unified Technology* published by Vij on Sunday, the 25th anniversary of India's adoption of metric weights and measures.

Every metric time unit would be different from the current Gregorian calendar except for the day, still reckoned from midnight to midnight.

Each hour of the 20-hour metric day would have 100 metric minutes and each metric minute 100 metric seconds — making one metric minute 72 hundredths as long as a conventional minute and a metric second 43 hundredths as long as ordinary second.

Weeks and months would not have metric designations, but 10 days would be one "decaday" and 73 "decaday" — meaning 730 or twice 365 days — would of one metric year, equivalent to two old fashioned years.

Vij said his system would simplify calculations dealing with time and make it easier to program time into computers.

As anti-Soviet sanctions

Reagan said halting gas pipeline material

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29 (Agencies) — U.S. President Reagan, moving to punish the Soviet Union for the military crackdown in Poland, will block the sale of equipment for a pipeline that would carry natural gas from Siberia to Western Europe, a well-placed administration official says.

After reviewing recommendations by a high-level task force, Reagan also decided to halt exports of high technology to the Soviet Union, including computers, and suspend maritime rights under which Soviet ships use U.S. ports and aviation rights under which Soviet airlines operate within U.S. boundaries. An aide who asked not to be identified described the program being pursued by Reagan as "tightening the screws." It marks the first step taken by the administration against the Soviets, whom Reagan blames for the imposition of martial law in Poland.

Reagan, spending a week-long holiday in California, was expected to announce the decisions immediately after receiving the recommendations Monday of the administration's special situation group. The group met 2 1/2 hours Monday while Reagan was on his way by helicopter to an afternoon of manual labor at his ranch about 100 miles north of here. The recommendations were relayed by telephone by Vice President George Bush, Edwin Meese III, the presidential counselor, and Adm. James Nance, acting National Security Adviser.

Reagan will confer later in the week with Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig in Palm Springs, deputy White House Press Secretary Larry Speakes said. Haig was speaking in San Francisco Tuesday. Although Reagan's aides have said he would consult with the Western allies about any steps taken in connection with the developments in Poland, those likely to be announced could be pursued without allied cooperation.

At the top of the list was a break in the sale of the equipment intended for the Soviets' planned 3,862 kms pipeline to carry natural gas from northwest Siberia. One official said that among the companies selected to build the pipeline was Caterpillar Tractor Co. of Illinois, although another official said the recent approval of an export license permitting the company to ship 200 pieces of construction machinery would not be affected.

Under the export license granted Dec. 9, the equipment was not supposed to be used for the trans-Siberian line, although its delivery could free other machines for the job. The administration has expressed concern over heavy Western European involvement in financing the construction and providing pipe for the line, which would supply gas to West Germany, France, Austria, the Netherlands, Belgium and Italy.

Thus, any action touching on the pipeline equipment, which includes drilling bits and computer technology, could have an impact



Ronald Reagan

not only on the Soviet Union and the U.S. manufacturers but on the allies as well and may not sit well with those countries.

The Tass news agency quoted the Polish armed forces newspaper *Zolnierz Wolnosci* which said the United States' move to impose sanctions on Poland was a "gross interference" and "political blackmail". Commenting on Reagan's recent statement, the paper said: "No statesman since the Second World War has made such a declaration, full of threats — even an ultimatum."

Meanwhile, in Moscow, Soviet Foreign (Continued on back page)



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4 colleges planned at SR296m

RIYADH, Dec. 29 (SPA) — Education Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwaiter Tuesday signed contracts worth more than SR327 million for a number of educational projects in the country.

Under the contracts, which have been awarded to national companies, four intermediate colleges will be set up in Jizan, Rass, Hail and Abha at an overall cost of SR296.63 million. The project is to be completed in a period of 30 months. Each college will have two units with each consisting of 30 classrooms, two teachers' hostels, an administrative building, a conference hall, a mosque and other necessary facilities.

The contracts also provide for the construction of two students' hostels in Dammam and Ahss at a cost of SR11.77 million. These will be ready in 18 months from the date of contract signing. In addition, five primary school buildings will be completed in a period of 15 months at an overall cost of SR19.45 million. Each school is planned to have 18 classrooms.

Oil exploration cooperation marks Saudi-Pakistani talks

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 29 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia's Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources discussed here Tuesday with his counterpart Gen. Rao Farman Ali Khan the possibility of closer cooperation in oil exploration in Pakistan.

Sheikh Yamani who arrived here Monday on a week-long visit said his talks with Gen. Khan "concentrated on ways of cooperation in energy matters, both mining and manufacturing." He added that he had a good idea about Pakistan's energy problems and its requirements.

Gen. Khan said he gave Sheikh Yamani a full report about Pakistan's urgent need to develop its energy resources. "Pakistan will undertake a large-scale search for oil in cooperation with Muslim and other friendly states," he said.

He was hopeful, he added, to consolidate cooperation with the Kingdom in the fields of exploration and the development of other energy sources.

Sheikh Yamani met with President Muhammad Zia ul Haq Monday and discussed "matters of mutual interest," official sources said. Gen. Khan also was present during the meeting held at the president's house. Sheikh Yamani also attended a dinner given by President Zia.

Sheikh Yamani is the second Saudi Arabian minister to visit the country this month. Defense Minister Prince Sultan paid a visit earlier this month for talks with President Zia and the defense minister.

Prayer Times

	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Wednesday						
Fajr (Dawn)	5:33	5:40	5:11	5:02	5:26	6:00
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:23	12:24	11:55	11:42	12:07	12:36
Asr (Afternoon)	3:28	3:24	2:55	3:38	3:03	3:28
Maghreb (Sunset)	5:50	5:44	5:15	4:58	5:23	5:48
Isha (Night)	7:20	7:14	6:45	6:28	6:53	7:18

SR139m water contracts approved

RIYADH, Dec. 29 (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Minister Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh approved Tuesday the awarding of two contracts for importing and installing water pipelines. The contracts, awarded to two national companies, have a combined value of SR139.2 million.

The first contract calls for the supply of 321 kilometers of pipe ranging between 160 and 1,200 millimeters within 10 months.

Meanwhile, the second contract provides for drawing up a plan for Riyadh in which additional main water pipelines are to be determined. It aims at boosting the present network's capacity to accommodate the additional supply to be produced by the Jubail desalination plant and the increase provided by the Wastie Water project.

The contract also will cover some new areas of Riyadh with integrated water networks.

These include the Nazeem district on the east, Fawaz district on the west and Faisalya east of the industrial estate. All these projects are expected to be completed within 22 months.

Al-Sheikh had awarded a SR83.2 million contract during the weekend for the supply of pipes and execution of house connections in some new districts of Riyadh. These contracts are part of the Agriculture and Water Ministry's efforts aimed at securing water to the new residential areas of the capital.

Riyadh's supply will be boosted by some 300,000 cubic meters of water daily when the Phase II program of Jubail desalination plant comes into operation in 1983. The Wastie project, opened earlier this year, has added 200,000 cubic meters per day to the capital supplies where consumption had risen to 288,000 cubic meters daily.

Deputy mayors' statute will be revised — official

JEDDAH, Dec. 29 (SPA) — The statute of deputy mayors is being examined at the Interior Ministry. Makkah Governor Prince Majed said Monday evening. He was addressing a dinner banquet given in his honor by Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi on behalf of the deputy mayors.

Prince Majed said that the new statute will improve the deputy mayors' financial situation in regard to the responsibilities entrusted to them. He thanked the deputy mayors for their noble feelings expressed during the banquet. He said "both officials and citizens in this country belong to one and the same family and are mobilized to serve our religion and our country."

Taking the floor next, Mayor Farsi elaborated on the same point. He thanked God for His gift to security and stability to Saudi Arabia under the wise leadership of King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd.

KAU attends Canada meeting

SHERBROOKE, Canada, Dec. 29 (AFP) — Jeddah's King Abdul Aziz University is taking part in a meeting of delegates from 30 nations to discuss the economic status of Muslim minorities in the world.

Dr. Zeinul Abedin of KAU organized the meeting, attended by 50 delegates, at the invitation of Saad Gabr of the Canadian Institute for Islamic Research at North Hatley, Quebec. The meeting, held in this majority French-speaking Canadian province, opened Monday.

Registration begins

DAMMAM, Dec. 29 (SPA) — Dammam's Vocational Training Center has begun registration of applicants for plumbing, general mechanics, welding and radio and television repairs courses Monday.

Saad Al-Dosari, the center's technical supervisor, has said that the plumbing and welding courses will last 14 months, while the radio and television course will take 16 months and the general mechanics 18 months.

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In 25 years of university education

Kingdom achieves good results

RIYADH, Dec. 29 (SPA) — During the past 25 years the number of Kingdom's universities has increased from one to seven and of colleges from one to 56, according to Dr. Sulaiman Bakr Sindi, director general of the Department for the Development of Higher Education, Tuesday.

7,000 students with 692 teachers and 736 administrative staff. At the Islamic University in Madinah, there are six colleges with 2,739 students, 350 teachers and 366 administrative staff. King Faisal University has five colleges 1,430 students, 505 teachers

He said that the number of students rose from 21 to 54,509 during the 1980-81 academic year. University graduates numbered 102 in 1963 but the figure jumped to 5,448 in 1981. Similarly, the number of university teaching staff increased from seven, 25 years ago, to 5,481 now, he said.

Riyadh University, the first in the Kingdom, now has 13 colleges with 14,042 men and women students. It has 1,539 teaching staff and 2,801 administrative staff, he said.

Sindi added that King Abdul Aziz University has 12 colleges with 22,053 students, 3,424 teaching staff and 1,612 administrative personnel.

The Islamic University of Imam Muhammad ibn Saud has eight colleges catering for

IMISIU exhibit
RIYADH, Dec. 29 (SPA) — The Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University will organize a documentary exhibition here next Monday displaying specimen of its various activities.

The month-long exhibition will explain the growth of more than 54 institutes, seven colleges and three higher institutes, which constitute a landmark of the educational and cultural development in the Kingdom.

The exhibition will be held in the university campus near the new Riyadh airport and will be open to public from 9 a.m. to noon and again from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

and 685 administrative personnel, while the University of Petroleum and Minerals also has an equal number of colleges. 3,054 students, 621 teachers and 794 administrative personnel, Sindi said.

He added that the Ummul Qura University, the most recent in the Kingdom, began functioning from the present academic year, with three colleges in Makkah. Earlier, these were affiliated to Jeddah's King Abdul Aziz university. It has now opened a college of education in Taif.

Sindi said there are seven women's colleges in the Kingdom with 5,221 students, 710 teachers and 324 administrative staff.

He added that, fortunately, Crown Prince Fahd was the first education minister of the kingdom and always gave liberal support to the educational progress. The crown prince still maintains his great interest, as he is the chairman of the Higher Committee for the Educational Policy and the Higher Council of Universities.

Sindi said that all education officials and students in the Kingdom were proud of the Riyadh University's silver jubilee celebrations which are being held under the auspices of King Khalid and the crown prince.

Ibn Baz urges simple wedding

RIYADH, Dec. 29 (SPA) — Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Baz, president of the departments of scholarly research, religious ruling (Fatwa), call to Islam (Dawab) and guidance, Tuesday urged Muslims to facilitate marriage and do away with excessive bridal money and wedding extravaganzas.

He urged that all those customs should be avoided not to discourage many young men from marrying, unable to bear the fabulous costs of marriage.

Ibn Baz said that marriage is a divine command and the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) had advised Muslims to marry. Therefore, the Muslims ought to obey the divine command and facilitate marriage. He added that the Prophet had married off a woman to a man who had no funds, and gave her a copy of the Holy Quran as the bridal gift.

He cautioned Muslims that they are accounted for their behavior and dealings, and called upon the guardians to desist from putting demands before the would-be husbands of their daughters. He called upon all Muslims having excessive funds to help the poor and the orphans, to construct mosques and work to please God.

Commerce minister says

Hotel loans will be stricter

By Javid Hassan
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Dec. 29 — The government will be strict in granting loans for new hotel projects, Commerce Minister Dr. Solaiman A. Solaim told Arab News Tuesday. His remarks came in the context of a one-day seminar on the hotel industry which concluded Monday.

The seminar, which was inaugurated by Solaim, was attended by Abdul Rahman Al-Zamil, deputy minister of commerce; Abdul Aziz Al-Jasir, director general in the hotels department of the Commerce Ministry; besides a number of hoteliers from all over the Kingdom.

Solaim said the hotel industry has reached a near saturation level and it has, therefore, become necessary to control grants for the new hotel projects. However, all facilities will be provided for units that may be set up in the regions where hotel accommodation is non-existent or inadequate, he added.

At Moody's seminar the hoteliers discussed with the government problems facing their industry. They urged the government to extend the time limit for repayment of loans. Another suggestion concerned the revision of hotel tariff allowing for a ceiling at the top. Some others requested the government for

an extended time limit for reimbursement of bank loans.

One of the participants sought better facilities for the induction of labor from abroad. He said under the present arrangement visas could be obtained only after a month or so. The procedure could be streamlined to short circuit delays.

The participants requested the government to set up an institute for the hotel industry on the lines of the institute operating in Bahrain. This would solve problems regarding the training of the hotel staff on the catering side. The seminar also discussed a suggestion calling Saudi, the national airline, to publicize the tariff of all first class hotels in the Kingdom. It was also suggested that the cash register billing machines should be made available in Arabic for the convenience of the staff and the customers.

Al Jasir said the government had almost stopped issuing licenses for new hotel projects in the Eastern Province. "But we might consider a project if it concerns the setting up of a smaller hotel."

He also ruled out the possibility of the government giving any subsidy for hotels. "When an investor wants to set up a hotel it is his decision and his money. So the question of subsidy does not arise," Al Jasir said.

Customs officers to train in U.S.

JONESBORO, Arkansas, Dec. 29 (AP) — Arkansas State University has been awarded a contract of up to \$2 million per year to provide for the education and training of Saudi Arabian customs officials.

ASU President Ray Thornton told a news conference Monday that the contract could be renewable annually for five years. He called the program the most significant of its kind for the university. He said that Saudi officials and their families will enter the program in January.

The contract, awarded by the U.S. Customs Service, is to train the officials in three areas: English, education and educational

support, and orientation and family services. The university also is to provide graduate and undergraduate education for students designated by the director general of the Saudi Arabian Department of Customs, as well as various kinds of educational support.

Korean company president due

By Alan Kenney

JEDDAH, Dec. 29 — Yung Joon Kim, chairman of the board and president of Korea Heavy Industries and Construction Co. Ltd., will arrive here Jan. 1 for a week's visit.

According to a company spokesman, the South Korean official will meet with government officials and ministers in order to become acquainted with the country's needs. The visit is the official's first since taking up his position with KHIC in Nov. 1980.

At present the company is constructing a \$250 million cement plant in Jizan for the Southern Province Cement Company. The plant will open sometime in February with a production capacity of 5,000 tons per day, according to Company figures. The plant will produce 1.5 million tons per year. KHIC is responsible for the construction and supplies a majority of machinery for the plant, and its technical partner is Fuller Co. of the United States.

Kim has served a wide-range of positions prior to his appointment with KHIC. He has been deputy minister and then minister of Agriculture and Forestry, assistant deputy minister of Korea's economic planning board and was president for various private companies. He also is chairman of the board and president of the state-run Korea Electric Company; KHIC became government owned last November and has a paid up capital of \$555 million.

Saudi envoy honored

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec. 29 (AFP) — The Yang Di-Pertuan Agong (king) conferred the award of Panglima Mangku Negara (honorary) on Saudi Arabian Ambassador to Malaysia Sheikh Muhammad Al-Hamad Al-Shubaili, at Istana Negara palace here Tuesday.

The award carries the title "Tan Sri". Present at the ceremony was Land and Regional Development Minister Datuk Seri Shariff Ahmad, who is acting minister of foreign affairs.

Shubaili took up his post here in mid-1977.

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Seeking to close Arab and Islamic ranks

Syria, Kuwait to explore Iraq-Iran peace

DAMASCUS, Dec. 29 (AP) — Syria and Kuwait have agreed to explore the chances of ending the Iran-Iraq war in a bid to close Arab and Islamic ranks in the face of Israel's annexation of Syria's Golan Heights, informed sources here disclosed on Tuesday.

peninsula to drum up pan-Arab solidarity against the Golan annexation. He returned to Damascus on Monday. Syria's official news agency SANA said Assad plans to "hold contacts with the Islamic leadership of Iran within the next few days to discuss the general situation in the region and bilateral relations between Iran and Iraq." It did not elaborate. But informed sources said Assad plans to find out whether Ayatollah Khomeini's fundamentalist regime is willing to accept a negotiated settlement to end the 15-month-old war between Iran and Iraq on the northern flank of the Gulf.

President Saddam Hussein's government on chances of an armistice, according to the sources.

Syria is the closest Arab friend of Iran and Kuwait has good relations with the Iraqi leadership as well as being geographically near the main theater of the war in Iran's oil province of Khuzistan.

The sources said an early end to the Iran-Iraq war would improve Arab and Islamic chances of presenting a solid front in a drive to pressure Israel into rescinding the Golan annexation.

Agreement to try to reconvene the Fez summit was reached during Assad's talks last week with King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd, according to the sources. The two sides agreed that Arab foreign ministers would meet in Tunisia after Jan. 5 scheduled session of the U.N. Security Council to finalize arrangements for the summit, the sources added.

They said the six Arab states Assad visited after Saudi Arabia approved the agreement to reconvene the Fez summit. These are Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, North Yemen, and South Yemen.

Seen as test for Mubarak

Egyptians vote in by-election

CAIRO, Dec. 29 (R) — Egyptians were voting Tuesday in three parliamentary by-elections regarded as a test of President Hosni Mubarak's new style. The elections were taking place in two areas of the fertile Nile Delta, Kom Hamada and Mahallit Rough, and the Upper Egypt town of Abou Tig, south of Asyut.

those found not guilty of criminal offenses will be freed.

Among candidates fighting Tuesday's elections is Ibrahim Younis, a journalist from the main opposition Socialist Labor Party (SLP) who was released from detention in November.

The semi-official daily Al-Ahram Tuesday stressed that the elections would be conducted freely and said election meetings had been held in small village mosques and churches ahead of the poll. It quoted the police chief in Younis' constituency of Kom Hamada, halfway between Cairo and Alexandria in the flat farming land of the Nile Delta, as saying he had asked village headmen not to interfere in any way in elections.

The by-elections are taking place because of the deaths of the three previous members of parliament. They are mostly a straight fight between the NDP and the SLP although some independents are standing. The tiny leftist Unionist Progressive Party (UPP), which has no seats in parliament, is not fielding candidates.

Opposition leaders saw the elections as the first test of President Mubarak's pledge to treat the opposition fairly and to avoid the rigging they say has characterized previous polls.

Mubarak, who took over after President Anwar Sadat was assassinated at a Cairo military parade in October, is attempting to mend fences between his ruling National Democratic Party (NDP) and the main opposition groups.

Over the past few weeks he has released 86 people, mostly politicians, lawyers, journalists and religious critics, arrested during a crackdown by Sadat last September when 1,600 were detained. The president says all

Telmessani links support for Mubarak to reforms

CAIRO, Dec. 29 (R) — Omar Telmessani, the Muslim Brotherhood leader released from detention three days ago, has been quoted as saying he would support the government of President Hosni Mubarak provided it adopted a program of reform.

President Anwar Sadat, who accused him of inciting sectarian hatred. He was set free on Saturday with seven other members of the outlawed organization.

Telmessani, one of the more moderate members of the Brotherhood, condemned the assassination of Sadat "because Islam does not recognize political assassination," Al-Gomhuria quoted him as saying.

Telmessani said he would ask the government for a new license to publish Al-Daawa which Sadat banned last September in a sweeping crackdown on political and religious opposition to his rule.

Defense lawyers to quit probe in Sadat murder

CAIRO, Dec. 29 (AP) — Defense lawyers representing religious fundamentalists accused of assassinating President Anwar Sadat have decided to withdraw from the case, lawyer Abdul Haleem Ramadan said Tuesday.

In a telephone conversation with the Associated Press Ramadan said the defense had decided to withdraw because of the military court's repeated refusals of all defense requests.

Ramadan did not specify how many lawyers had decided to withdraw, but the 24 men currently on trial for their lives for involvement in the Sadat assassination each have individual representation, some court appointed and some hired by the defendants themselves.

The trial of the alleged assassins began Nov. 21st. The two initial hearings were open, but the remainder have been closed to the public and reporters. Ramadan said the defense attorneys were holding a news conference later Tuesday to explain their positions.

Cairo newspapers reported Tuesday that the court had rejected a defense request for a suspension of the trial so that the defense could seek a ruling from the supreme constitutional court on the constitutionality of the charges against the main defendant.

African states abandon plans to renew ties with Israel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 29 (AP) — Several African countries have dropped plans to form diplomatic relations with Israel, because of the Golan Heights annexation, Israel radio reported Tuesday.

The radio said one of the countries dropped plans to sign a large commercial deal with Israel, while another decided not to encourage fellow-African states to form diplomatic relations with the Zionist state.

The radio said the countries had written to Tel Aviv informing the Israelis of their change of mind following Israel's internationally condemned takeover of the Golan on Dec. 14.

But the foreign ministry said it had no word of this, the radio reported.

Israel has been working to thaw relations with black Africa, severed since the 1973 Mideast war. Zaire has been Israel's chief supporter in this drive, and it has been forecast that African states will re-establish diplomatic relations after Israel withdraws from the last part of the Sinai desert next April, and no longer occupies territory of Egypt.

Defense Minister Ariel Sharon made a secret trip to a few African countries last month to propose joint projects.

To strengthen relations

Cheysson visits Ethiopia today

ADDIS ABABA, Dec. 29 (AFP) — The Ethiopian Foreign Ministry confirmed here Tuesday the start Wednesday of a two-day official visit to Ethiopia of French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson. A spokesman for the foreign ministry said the visit was aimed at strengthening the long-standing and friendly relations between France and Ethiopia.

Ethiopia and France. Cheysson will be the second Western foreign minister to journey to this country since Ethiopia's Marxist revolution in 1974, and the second leading French official to do so in that time.

The government is expected to unroll the red carpet for Cheysson, regarded here as sympathetic to the changes that have taken place since the overthrow of the regime of Emperor Haile Selassie in 1974.

Former French minister of state for foreign affairs Olivier Stirn came here last March, becoming the highest ranking Western official to visit Ethiopia in seven years, in a move that set the tone for Ethiopia reopening its doors to the Western world. A month later Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo paid an official visit to Addis Ababa to break Ethiopia's closed-door policy further.

Cheysson visited Ethiopia several times as development commissioner for the European Economic Community (EEC), the last time in December last year, and each time met Head of State Mengistu Haile Mariam and received VIP treatment.

Ethiopia moved into the arms of the Soviet Union particularly at the height of the Ogaden war with Somalia in 1977 after the United States, the country's main arms supplier prior to the revolution, refused to deliver desperately-needed defense equipment.

On his appointment as French foreign minister in May this year Ethiopian Foreign Minister Feleke Gedle Giorgis was among the first African diplomats to send Cheysson "warmest congratulations." Feleke said in his message that we felt confident that the sympathy shown by Cheysson to Ethiopia in his capacity as EEC commissioner would serve as a strong basis for the strengthening of the traditional and close relations between Ethiopia and France.

Ethiopia and France have been linked in a development cooperation agreement dating back to 1966, renewed in February this year with a five-man French government delegation visited here.

Iraq, Libya restore diplomatic ties

AMMAN, Dec. 29 (R) — Iraq and Libya have restored diplomatic relations severed last year, Arab diplomatic sources said here Tuesday. Iraq broke off relations with Libya in October 1980 after accusing it of support-

ing Iran in the Gulf war.

The sources said the Libyan ambassador to Iraq had already been nominated but they could not reveal his name.

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PLO's council calls for boosting Arab unity

DAMASCUS, Dec. 29 (Agencies) — The Palestine Liberation Organization's Central Council Tuesday denounced Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights and called for strengthened Arab unity "to counter American-Zionist policies," the Palestinian agency Wafa said.

In a 24-hour meeting that ended at dawn, the council called for reinforcement of the Arab Steadfastness Front (PLO, Syria, Algeria, Libya and South Yemen) and for strengthened "strategic links" between the PLO and Syria.

Referring to the Golan annexation, the council called on Arab states to adopt "a radical policy to deal with plots aimed at dominating the region." It condemned European participation in the multinational force to be installed in the Sinai Peninsula after Israel's scheduled withdrawal next April.

And it applauded strengthened ties between the PLO and the Soviet Union and Socialist bloc countries.

The council also called for closer ties between Palestinians, Syria, and Lebanese leftists to repulse Israeli aggression. Palestinians have repeatedly accused Israel of planning to follow its annexation of the Golan Heights with an attack on Palestinian positions in South Lebanon.

Yasser Arafat, chairman of the PLO Executive Committee, reported to the council on his recent visits to China, Korea, Japan, the Soviet Union, Vietnam, Greece and Romania.

The council serves as intermediary between the executive committee and the Palestine National Council (the Palestinian parliament in exile). Its 60 members represent all factions of the Palestinian resistance, as well as popular and professional associations.

Percy's talks show

U.S.-Israel gap widening

TEL AVIV, Dec. 29 (R) — Wide policy gaps emerged Monday during the first high-level contact between Israel and the United States since the dispute between them over the annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights, Israel radio reported.

A 90-minute meeting between Israel's Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and U.S. Senator Charles Percy revealed wide differences in the two countries' perception of events in the Middle East, the radio said.

Earlier Monday an Israeli official said the two men had exchanged views on the Middle East, adding that "the common base of the talks was a common desire to see Israeli-U.S. relations move toward a better understanding."

Washington's decision to suspend a strategic cooperation agreement with Israel

16 Al-Zulfikar members arrested

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 29 (R) — Police have arrested at least 16 persons in a new roundup of guerrillas who planned a campaign of sabotage and assassinations to bring down Pakistan's military government, authoritative sources said here Tuesday.

The sources said 12 persons were arrested in Pakistan's second largest city Lahore Tuesday and four persons were arrested Monday in the Northwest Frontier province bordering Afghanistan. Large quantities of weapons and grenades were also seized in the raids. Last month about 15 persons were arrested in other parts of Pakistan during similar raids.

The sources said the guerrillas were part of

in retaliation for the annexation provoked a sharp reaction by Prime Minister Menachem Begin who accused the Americans of treating Israel like "a banana republic."

Percy, chairman of the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee, told Shamir that relations between the two countries were now at the lowest ebb since 1956 when U.S. pressure forced Israel to withdraw from the Sinai Desert, the radio said.

Shamir claimed that the annexation of the Heights was essential for the state's security. The two men also discussed the peace process between Israel and Egypt and the deadlocked negotiations on Palestinian autonomy.

Percy refused to disclose details of his meetings Monday saying only that he had come to Israel "to study the situation and I will come to conclusions later."

Rafsanjani urges tougher action against leftist groups

BEIRUT, Dec. 29 (Agencies) — Iran's parliament speaker Tuesday warned authorities to show no mercy toward dissident groups as Ayatollah Khomeini asked for more unity among his country's people, Tehran radio reported.

Majlis (parliament) Speaker Ali-Akbar Rafsanjani said to remove the threat of leftist urban guerrilla groups from the country there has to be "a psychological state of mind against them." He said after every "crime the groups commit" there tends to be a feeling of sympathy for them among officials.

"They say one has to do something for these young people because they have been blinded," Rafsanjani said. "But then they commit another crime and we see that one cannot show mercy toward the sharp-toothed tiger," he added.

He said this feeling of compassion "puts thorns into the flower of the Iranian revolution." He said these sympathetic attitudes have been the major cause for the expansion of the groups' activities.

Leftist urban guerrillas, headed by the Mujahedeen Khalq organization, have been blamed for the assassination of more than 1,000 of the country's top officials since the ouster of moderate President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr last June. The latest of these assassinations came Monday when a Majlis deputy from the central city of Semiro, Muhammad Taqibesharat was gunned down in Tehran.

Meanwhile, Tehran radio quoted Khomeini as saying that if the world's Muslims united the superpowers would not be able to stand against them. He also appealed for unity within his own nation.

In another development, Iran's Majlis Tuesday approved a bill changing the name of the official Pars news agency to Islamic Republic News Agency, Tehran radio said.

BRIEFS

CAIRO, (R) — Sudanese first Vice-President and Defense Minister Abdul-Magid Hamid Khalil said Monday Egypt and Sudan had agreed to step up a joint program under which Egyptian officers have been helping train Sudanese troops.

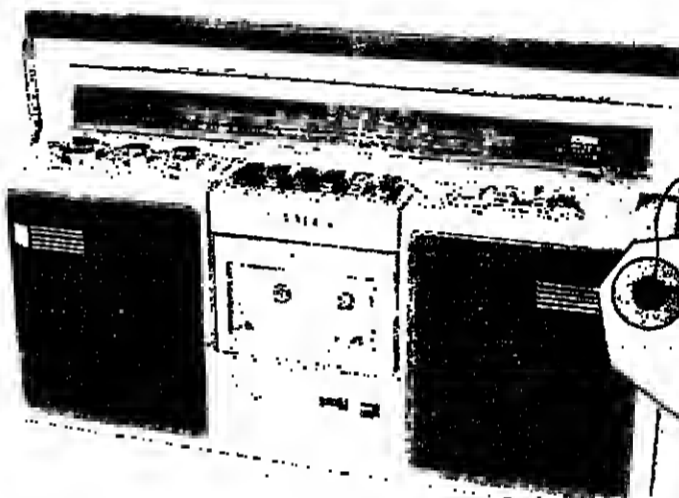
BEIRUT, (R) — Iraqi Planning Minister Taha Ibrahim al-Abdullah has been relieved of his post, the Iraq News Agency reported Monday night.

DACCA, (AFP) — A clash between rival factions of the ruling Bangladesh National Party left four persons injured in the southeastern port city of Chittagong Monday, according to reports reaching here Tuesday.

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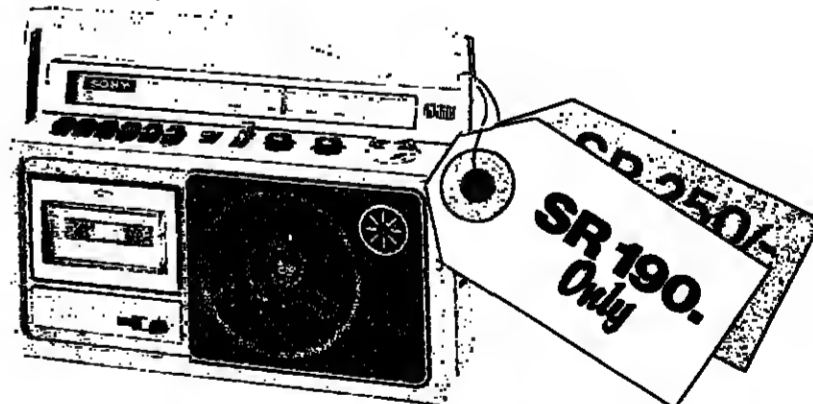
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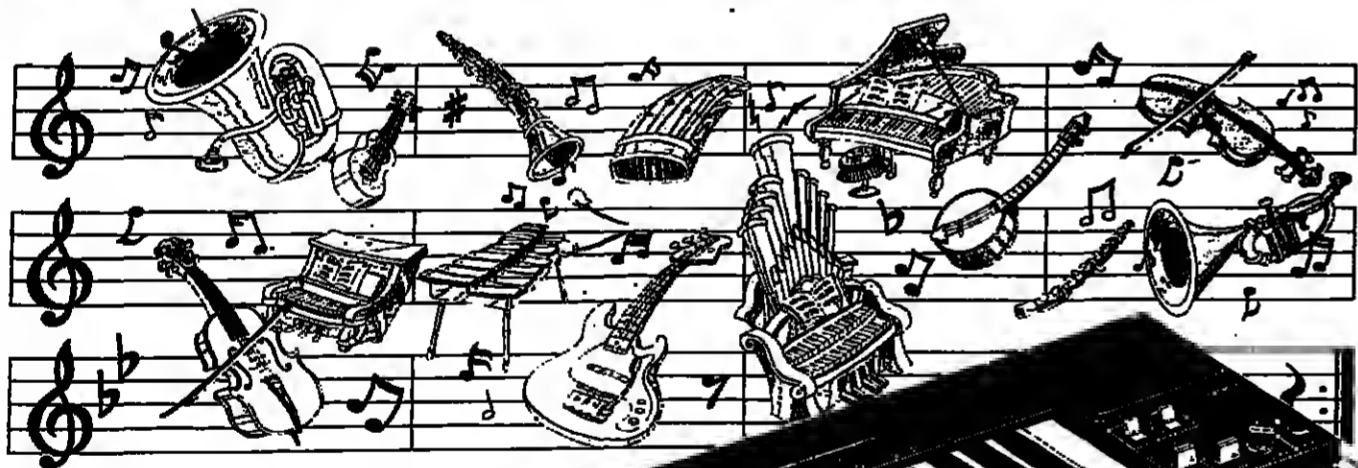
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Haitians call off fast in U.S. camp

MIAMI, Dec. 29 (AFP) — About 540 Haitian refugees detained in Krome North camp near here have ended a five-day hunger strike without receiving assurances of their release, United States immigration sources said Tuesday.

The refugees, who began their strike Thursday to demand their release and to protest conditions inside the camp, ended it Monday, the officials said. They acknowledged late Monday that four inmates had been force-fed after collapsing.

The officials also said that 110 other members of the group escaped from the camp during violent clashes Sunday between police and demonstrators demanding the refugees' release. Half of them have been recaptured. Police and 500 protesters battled with tear gas, sticks, bottles and stones outside the camp after authorities refused to allow the Haitian demonstrators to enter to visit their compatriots.

A group of 200 demonstrators lit fires around the camp perimeter during the clashes and tried to break into it over three 10-foot high barbed wire fences.

Sunday's violence was the third such episode at Krome North since September. In a related rally, about 10,000 Haitians demonstrated in Washington earlier this month against the jailing of Haitians here and at Fort Allen in Puerto Rico.

Just after that protest, the Reagan administration said it was delaying its plan to transfer all 2,700 Haitian "boat people" being held in the United States to Fort Drum, an army camp in upstate New York, near the Canadian border, where temperatures are currently far below zero.

U.S. authorities have warned that any Haitian refugees immigrating without documents will be imprisoned before being expelled. They have said the Haitians are economic, rather than political, refugees.

A local Haitian refugee defense group, however, has demanded political asylum for the new arrivals. "We have documented proof that Haitians have been politically persecuted for the last 24 years," it said.

Critics have accused Washington of racism in denying entry to the Haitians while admitting to the United States tens of thousands of Cuban and Asian boat people during that time. About 50,000 Haitian "boat people" have arrived in Florida since 1972. Being poverty and, they claim, political repression under the regime of Haiti's president-for-life, Jean-Claude Duvalier.



TEAR GASED: American riot guards, left, chase Haitian demonstrators with tear gas at a Miami detention center Monday. The demonstrators said they were showing solidarity with the detained Haitians.

Global force mullied to deal with N-holocaust

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP) — Sen. William Proxmire proposed Monday that the United States take the lead in developing an international force to deal with the aftermath of a nuclear explosion.

"It is gruesome to contemplate but the truth is the international community is not prepared to respond to a nuclear catastrophe," Proxmire said in a news release. "The greatest threat to mankind is ready access to nuclear weapons technology and the United States simply is not doing enough to stop it," Proxmire said.

He said International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards need to be overhauled because inspection standards are inadequate to prevent the clandestine transfer of nuclear technology.

He called for holding up the shipment of advanced U.S. tactical aircraft to Pakistan until assurances are received that Pakistan will not develop a nuclear bomb.

In addition, he said, the United States should "get tough" with allies who he said are quietly shipping nuclear technology to interested countries.

"Switzerland and West Germany are helping Argentina," he said. "Italy is helping Iraq. And countless small shipments of critical technology are occurring from France, Switzerland, Italy and West Germany which, in total represent a hemorrhage of nuclear

technology." "Assuming that Israel has a nuclear force, there are seven nuclear nations in the world today," he said, listing the United States, the Soviet Union, England, France, China, Israel and India.

"Within the next decade there could be a doubling of this nuclear capability with Taiwan, South Korea, Pakistan, South Africa, Brazil and Argentina having the basic resources to develop a bomb," he said.

Proxmire added there is a possibility that several nations in the Middle East, including Iraq, Iran and Libya, could become nuclear powers.

"When nuclear technology falls into the hands of the second tier of nations, the chance of a nuclear war will rise enormously," he said.

"Given the volatile political situation in the Middle East and the radical changes in leadership there, there is every reason to believe nuclear weapons will actually be used if proliferation is not controlled. The threat is not simply academic or illusory.

Libya reportedly has made several attempts to obtain nuclear technology from the West and from the People's Republic of China. A bomb in the hands of Qaddafi raises the specter of chaos in the Middle East," he said.

Accusing the Reagan administration of

"half-hearted attempts to limit the spread of nuclear weapons," the Wisconsin Democrat also proposed that the United States convene an international conference on proliferation.

The senator made five specific proposals to deal with the nuclear situation: Overhaul the IAEA safeguards, with the U.S. assuming leadership in reinvigorating the IAEA.

"The United States made a huge blunder by deciding to provide Pakistan with advanced tactical aircraft without firm assurances that they would not develop a nuclear bomb. We should put that shipment on hold pending Pakistani assurances."

"Get tough" with U.S. allies and trading partners who are quietly shipping nuclear technology to interested countries.

The United States should convene an international conference on proliferation which would isolate and identify restricted products and create an international system on cooperation in the enforcement arena.

The United States should take the lead in creating a post-nuclear "explosion force." "Given the possibility that a nuclear explosion will occur somewhere, sometime, the industrialized nations should be preparing today for the complicated process of clean-up, medical care and humanitarian assistance."

Mozambican guerrillas to free abducted Briton

LISBON, Dec. 29 (R) — Kidnapped British teacher John Burlison may be freed before New Year's Eve, according to the Mozambican guerrilla group which seized him during an attack on a wildlife park earlier this month. A spokesman for the anti-Maxist Mozambique National Resistance (RNM) here said Monday his movement would do everything possible to ensure that the 28-year-old Burlison was released before the end of the year.

He added that the only thing holding up his release was the conclusion of an inquiry into any possible links Burlison might have with the country's ruling Marxist Party. Burlison was academic director of the Gorongosa National Park Wildlife School in central Mozambique when the RNM guerrillas staged its attack Dec. 17.

"Everything indicates, however, that Burlison had nothing to do with Frelimo (the ruling Mozambique Liberation Front)," the spokesman said. He added however that the inquiry into the political affiliations of the other foreigner captured by the RNM had made less progress.

The spokesman identified the second man held by the RNM as Mdises Carrillo, a Chilean national, who taught mathematics at the school. Burlison, an ecologist from Stockton-on-Tees, had been in Mozambique since the country's independence from Portugal, according to his father.

The RNM attacked Mozambique's best-known wildlife park earlier this month with the aim of destroying two military bases and dismantling Frelimo's political organization in the area.

Salvador bridge dynamited

SAN SALVADOR, Dec. 29 (AP) — Leftist guerrillas destroyed a bridge that spanned the Guajoyo River in northwestern Santa Ana province and cut transportation on the country's main north-south highway, authorities said Monday.

San Francisco bridge was considered the country's most important after rebels blew up the bridge of gold on the Lempa River last October and cut El Salvador's main east-west highway.

Defense Ministry spokesmen said guerrillas dynamited the 75-meter bridge Sunday night and have effectively halted transportation between the provincial capital of Santa Ana, about 56 kms northwest of here, and the northern city of Metapan.

Meanwhile, three soldiers were reportedly killed in an army offensive launched Dec. 25 against left-wing guerrillas in eastern San Vicente province, a military spokesman reported Monday. He gave no estimate of guerrilla casualties.

Metapan, which is located near the Guatemalan border, is a major shipping point for trade between El Salvador and Guatemala. Government sources said the

A leftist source claimed eight government troops were killed in scattered actions. Residents of the Chinchontepic region of San Vicente said the government was using warplanes against the insurgents.

Filipino typhoon toll rises to 137

MANILA, Philippines, Dec. 29 (AP) — The death toll from tropical typhoon Lee, which struck southeastern Luzon and some central Philippine islands, rose to 137 Tuesday as reports from remote areas started to come in, the office of Civil Defense said.

Members of the Philippine Red Cross said most of the other fatalities were either crushed by falling objects or drowned in typhoon-generated tidal waves that swamped coastal villages in Sorsogon province, and Masbate and Mindoro islands.

The hardest hit province appeared to be northern Samar, 424 kms southeast of Manila, where a Civil Defense spokesman said 82 persons were reported killed.

Sorsogon, on the southeastern tip of the Philippines' main island of Luzon, is located in the Bicol region declared by President Ferdinand E. Marcos under a state of calamity after typhoon Irma left more than 200 persons dead last month.

Greek police quell prison mutiny

ATHENS, Dec. 29 (R) — Greek riot police Tuesday quelled a mutiny by about 150 prisoners who were holding hostages in support of demands to reduce their sentences, a police spokesman said. The riot police used tear gas against the prisoners in Korydallos prison, near Piraeus, who barricaded themselves inside a section 10 days ago and demanded the abolition of life imprisonment and reduction of their prison terms.

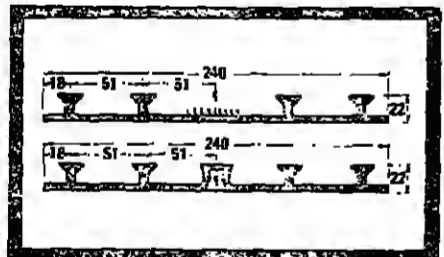
A public prosecutor was present during the intervention of the riot police and 50 of the mutineers were sent to other prisons, the spokesman said. The prisoners had held hostage other inmates who had either served their terms and were about to be released or whose release on bail had already been ordered, the spokesman added.

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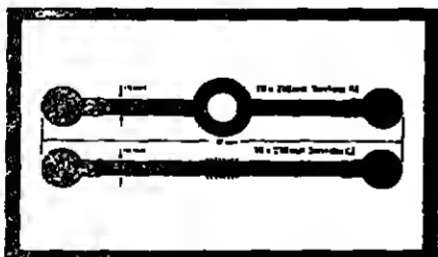
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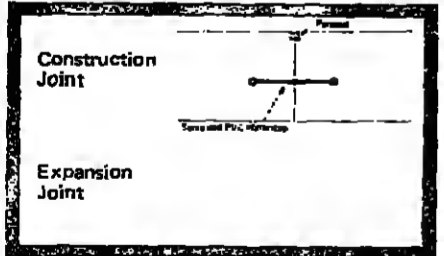
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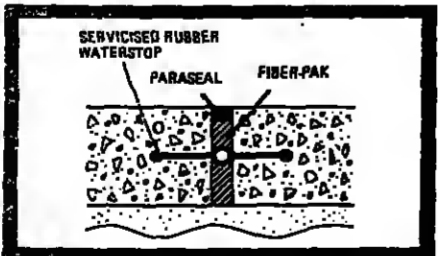
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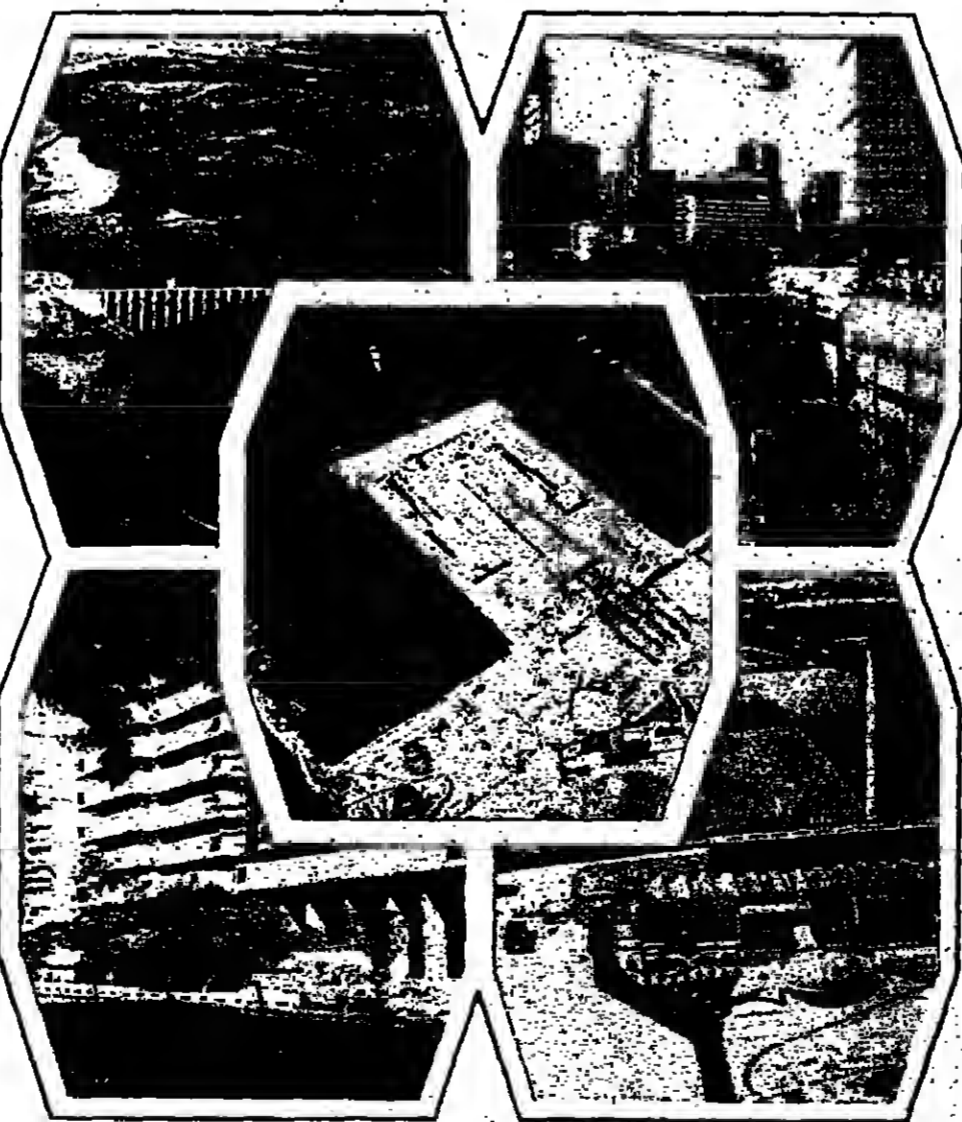


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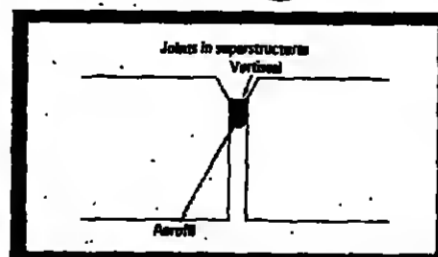


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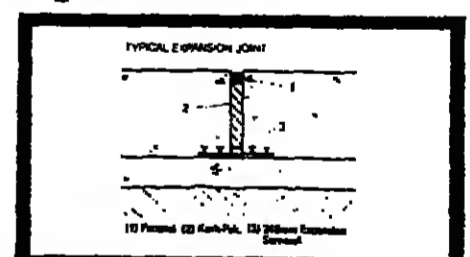
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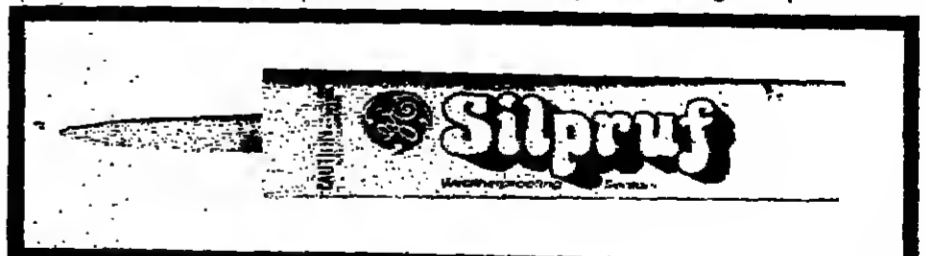
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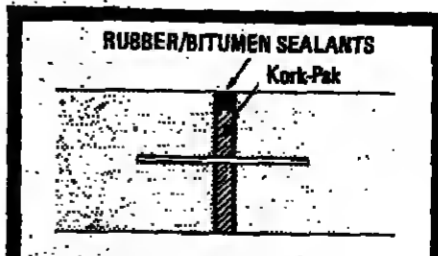
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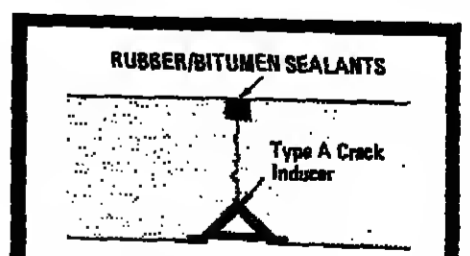
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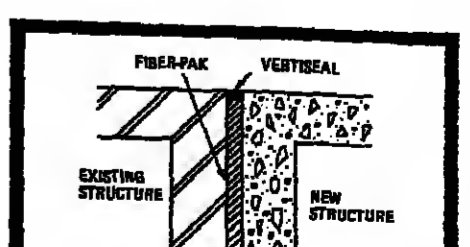
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Too weak to deal with Soviets

China sharpens attack on U.S.

PEKING, Dec. 29 (AP) — China's official press has sharpened its criticism of the United States recently, claiming that America is hanging its foreign policy and harming efforts to contain Soviet expansion.

Targets of the Chinese press campaign range from U.S. policy toward the Third World to American domestic problems that, in China's view, might affect U.S. defense capability.

There is a suggestion that if U.S.-China relations deteriorate — which China has said will occur if the United States sells fighter planes to Taipei — it may be no loss to Peking since the United States is too inept to be a valuable friend anyway.

The U.S. friendship with China — started with President Nixon's trip to China in 1972 and enhanced by the Carter administration's 1979 diplomatic recognition of Peking — is

strongly rooted in Chinese mistrust of the Soviets.

Chinese and Soviet troops fought in a border skirmish in 1969. Soviet backing of India in its 1971 war with Pakistan and of Vietnam's 1978 invasion of Cambodia were opposed by China. The Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan, which borders China, has increased Chinese concern. China has a strong interest in keeping the Soviets under pressure so it can concentrate on its economic development.

A spate of recent critical commentaries by the official news agency Xinhua, the People's Daily newspaper and by Chinese officials indicate the Chinese look upon the United States as impotent to deal with the Soviets.

There are these recent examples: Xinhua complained about continued U.S. sales of grain and technology to the Soviet

Union, saying the Reagan administration "finds it difficult to push its hard line without economic strength. Its steps to end (economic) stagnation seem to have produced little results."

Xinhua, commenting on U.S. policy on Central America, said: "It is one thing to counter Soviet and Cuban expansionism; it is another to oppose the people of those countries rising in revolution."

The People's Daily, criticizing U.S. support of Israel, Taipei, South Africa and other nations that are often criticized by the Third World, said "ignoring the trend of the times and supporting unpopular 'old friends' doing evil things ultimately is bound to harm the 'old friends' and oneself, too."

In the Middle East, the Chinese press says, U.S. backing for Israel offends Arab countries just when the United States is trying for a strategic consensus to check Soviet infiltration in that region.

Xinhua also said the United States is trying to preserve "unjustly gained interests" in the Third World. It said "the success of U.S. diplomacy depends in large measure in whether the United States is perceptive and courageous enough to face squarely and overcome the problem of its own 'hegemonist' actions."

Xinhua said that in the Third World, Washington "often does not scruple to interfere in the affairs of other countries, even at the expense of its own long-term strategic interest." It said the issue of Taipei is an example.

The Reagan administration has said it might sell fighter jets to the Nationalist-ruled island in what it said would be a modernization of Taipei's outdated air defense fleet.

China, which considers Taipei a part of China, has accused the United States of interfering in its internal affairs and has said such a sale would harm Chinese-American relations.

On Monday, it was disclosed in Washington that the Reagan administration is going ahead with a major sale of military spare parts to Taipei. State Department spokesman Dean Fischer said, however, that a decision on selling FX fighter planes to Taiwan hadn't yet been made.

The latest Chinese jab at the Reagan administration came when Premier Zhao Ziyang, visiting North Korea, said U.S. intervention in Korean internal affairs "is a major factor in the instability of northeast Asia."

China has always demanded withdrawal of U.S. troops from South Korea and Zhao was obviously being supportive of his North Korean hosts. But analysts in Peking saw the nuance as slightly stronger than usual.

Meanwhile, the Chinese press has been running more than its usual number of horror stories on life in the United States. Chinese who have lived or visited there are invited to write about crime, unemployment, racial discrimination and oppression of workers.

Nigeria fire probe ordered

LAGOS, Dec. 29 (AFP) — President Shehu Shagari has set up an enquiry commission into a fire which destroyed the Nigerian Foreign Ministry offices here this month and sparked speculation of arson aimed at suppressing drugs evidence.

The commission, consisting of a judge, an architect and an engineer, is to report within eight weeks on the cause of the blaze on the night of Dec. 14, and the extent of the damage.

The commission will have to decide whether the fire was started deliberately or through negligence, whether foreigners were involved, and what steps should be taken to

prevent a similar incident recurring. There has been no official comment on links drawn by many Nigerian papers between the blaze and the discovery of a consignment of smuggled drugs in the Nigerian High Commission (embassy) in London.

One theory was that the fire was started deliberately to wipe out all evidence collected following the discovery of an Indian hemp racket. It was reported recently that the principal witness in the affair, in which 13 sacks of the drug were apparently sent to Britain under diplomatic cover, had been found murdered at his London home.

BRIEFS

PARIS (AFP) — Dutch-born abstract painter Bram van Velde died Monday at the age of 86 at Hblume in the southern French village of Grimaud. Van Velde illustrated numerous books, including those of his great friend, the Nobel Prize winning Irish-born writer Samuel Beckett. He was the brother of Geer van Velde, a painter of the same school.

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Jogindra K. Banerji, 74, a U.N. correspondent for Indian newspapers since 1953, died of a stroke in his New York apartment Saturday. His funeral was held in New York the same day. Banerji was president of the U.N. Correspondents Association.

PEKING (AFP) — The first Chinese-language production of the opera Carmen, by French composer Georges Bizet, will be given in Peking Friday by Peking's Central Opera Company in collaboration with French artists and direction.

PARIS (AP) — Schoolgirl Sabrina Beljeval, 16, became the new Miss France Monday in a contest highlighted by one entrant parading in her army uniform. Ghislaine

Raineau, 22, an infantry corporal who won a regional contest as "Miss Touraine," wore her uniform when the other 48 contestants paraded in evening gowns.

LAGOS (AFP) — Two hundred workers have been holding a sit-down strike for the past six days on two oil platforms off the Nigerian coast without food or water, the independent daily Punch reported Tuesday. The workers were all Nigerians.

FRANKFURT, West Germany (AFP) — The last-known photograph of Nazi war criminal Josef Mengele, sought for the past 20 years, has been destroyed by the West German Federal Criminal Office, perhaps to save space in its archives, the Frankfurter Rundschau newspaper reported Tuesday.

The office was said to have ordered an immediate investigation into the allegations. The photograph had been sought on Nov. 26 by the Frankfurt prosecutor's office to show to someone it thought might have seen the fugitive. The prosecutor was told that his picture no longer existed, the newspaper reported.



AMERICA'S FIRST: Mrs. Judith Carr, 28-year-old Massachusetts schoolteacher, gets a first glimpse of her newborn baby girl, America's first test-tube baby, Monday. The five-pound, 12-ounce girl and the mother are in good condition.

Castro re-elected head of state

HAVANA, Dec. 29 (R) — Fidel Castro was re-elected head of state by Cuba's National Assembly of People's Power (parliament). President Castro, who is also first secretary of the Cuban Communist Party, was elected president of the council of state, a post which automatically makes him head of state and government.

Armed Forces Minister Raul Castro was elected first vice president, Monday. The other vice presidents are Juan Almeida, Ramiro Valdes, Guillermo Garcia, Carlos

Rafael Rodriguez and Blas Roca. All six are members of the Communist party Politburo.

The National Assembly of 499 deputies, including Fidel Castro, was elected last month by 169 municipal assemblies for a five-year term. It chose Flavio Bravo, a member of the party's central committee, as its president in place of Blas Roca. Both were members of the Popular Socialist Party, Cuba's Communist Party, prior to the Cuban revolution in 1959.

Hong Kong 'supplies couriers, not drugs'

HONG KONG, Dec. 29 (AFP) — High prices, tough law enforcement and better supply elsewhere have virtually dried up Hong Kong as a source of narcotics, but the city remains a fertile recruiting ground for drug couriers, according to an official report.

The report came as police in France Dec. 25 seized 10 kilos of heroin and arrested eight Hong Kong Chinese and a Vietnamese refugee.

According to Chief Inspector Swain of the Hong Kong Narcotics Bureau, French police had broken a ring which was primarily engaged in "exporting drugs from Bangkok to Europe" and had no direct activities here.

The report here said there were "no known cases of drugs being exported from Hong Kong in 1980, although many couriers were found to be recruited locally and left Hong Kong empty-handed, only to pick up their supplies elsewhere."

At the same time, it said, Hong Kong "personalities" continued to be involved in financing, organizing and recruiting for narcotics operations. The report mentioned Thailand and Malaysia as drug sources for Hong Kong-recruited runners. It said cheaper drugs from Iran and other countries had drained the Hong Kong market.

But the report, prepared by Sir Albert Rodrigues, expressed concern over news early this year of a bumper opium crop in the "golden triangle" straddling the borders of Thailand, Burma and Laos. Hong Kong's principle drug source.

It said that by last June, an increased heroin flow into Hong Kong had lowered the wholesale price of No. 3 heroin to about \$2,000 per 100 grams. "Such information," said the report, "...reminds us that... we... are making a painfully slow and inadequate progress in measures to deprive drug traffickers of their enormous profits."

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But Schmidt is unmoved

2m Germans may remain idle

BONN, Dec. 29 (R) — A reluctant Chancellor Helmut Schmidt is under trade union and political pressure to spend huge sums of government money on creating new jobs as recession threatens to push the number of unemployed above two million.

From the German Trade Union Federation (DGB) has come a demand that the state spend an extra \$22 billion during the next five years on housing, energy-saving schemes and other projects. Many in the chancellor's own Social Democratic Party (SDP) side with the unions, and some heckled and booed Schmidt at a recent party congress, urging him to cut defense spending to finance job-creation measures.

"I will not do that. You will have to look for another chancellor if you want that," snapped Schmidt, who contends that sharply higher state spending would mean the government had to borrow, pushing up interest rates and actually throwing more persons out of work.

Almost 1.5 million West German workers were registered as unemployed last month, the highest November total for 29 years.

The unemployment rate at 6.4 percent of the work force remains among the lowest in Western Europe. But the speed at which West Germans have been thrown out of work is alarming. The jobless total rose 54 percent in the past year, against an average 32 percent increase throughout the common market.

Economics Minister Otto Lamsdorff predicts two million West Germans could be unemployed in peak months next year. If those who have not registered as unemployed could be counted, that total may already have been surpassed. The trade unions say the proposed job creation package would largely pay for itself, since each person taken off the register would save the state \$11,000 a year

in benefits, lost taxes and social security payments.

The government says it will consider the union demands when it reviews economic policy in January but that any measures it takes will not involve big increases in state spending. Bonn has so far steered a middle course between the hard-line monetarism of Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and the socialist line of France's President Francois Mitterrand, who is trying to boost employment through inflation.

While some of Schmidt's own Social Democrats side with the unions on unemployment, his government survives with the support of its Free Democrat junior coalition partners, who oppose raising taxes or federal borrowing.

Lamsdorff, a Free Democrat, said in a newspaper interview this week that investment and innovation were the way to reduce long-term unemployment. The coalition has already squabbled over finance, with the Free Democrats unhappy about a soaring budget deficit, expected to reach a record \$16.7 billion in 1981 and \$11.8 billion in 1982.

These differences followed signs of strain over NATO nuclear strategy opposed by Social Democrat leftwingers. Newspapers and economists therefore expect the chancellor to seek a compromise employment package, to annoy as few as possible in both parties.

Commercial bank economists say the government may reintroduce investment subsidies or tax relief for firms which guarantee to create jobs, a scheme already tried in the mid-1970s.

Other possibilities include easing the tax burden on companies and a less likely rise in public-sector spending. The economists said the package might cost "a few billion dollars" and be financed by borrowing, a bigger profit

transfer from the Central Bank (Bundesbank), or higher taxes, possibly on petrol. But they doubted whether such measures could make more than a small dent in unemployment.

Employers oppose a big state spending program. The Confederation of German Employers Association said recently that investment, backed by moderate wage settlements, was the best way to create jobs. Despite forecasts of an economic rally in 1982, the government expects unemployment to climb higher, due partly to further growth of the labor force.

During the 1970s, the working age population was fairly stable, but it has grown by some 470,000 since 1979 to 27.4 million and is expected to expand by one million more by 1990, according to a recent report by the government's Council of Economic Advisers.

The council said that even if the economy had run at full capacity this year, up to 600,000 extra jobs would still have been needed to attain full employment. It also estimated the number of unemployed not registering at local labor offices had risen above 700,000 this year, implying the total of registered and unregistered unemployed is already over two million.

Ford asks staff to reconsider move for strike

LONDON, Dec. 29 (AP) — All 54,000 hourly paid workers of the Ford Motor Company in Britain were receiving a company letter Tuesday, urging them to think again about launching a pay claim strike next week.

The letter, from Ford industrial relations chief Paul Roots, was mailed to the workers' homes after the company shut down for the holidays until Jan. 4.

Ford's 24 British factories are scheduled to strike Jan. 5 after failure of negotiations on the annual pay contract for 1982. The company is the most successful among British automakers but a stoppage could have damaging results, Ford officials warn.

Roots said the company offer to raise pay by 7.4 percent is the most generous in the British auto industry this winter. The Ford unions rejected the offer, which involves a range of increases up to \$20 on top of average weekly earnings. The unions asked for \$37.40 for every worker.

Borrowing increases

PARIS, Dec. 29 (AP) — Borrowing on international capital markets increased 53.5 percent in 1981, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development has reported.

The amount rose to \$183.162 billion from \$119.346 billion in 1980, the OECD said. It attributed the sharp increase to a 68 percent rise in international bank loans to \$134.272 billion compared to \$79.9 billion last year, largely due to \$44 billion raised by American corporations. The OECD is made up of the major non-Communist industrial nations.

India said inviting bids on oil exploration

NEW DELHI, Dec. 29 (R) — India is to ask foreign oil firms to make a second round of bids for oil exploration rights in the country following a poor response to the government's earlier offer, a Petroleum Ministry official said Tuesday.

After the offer was made 17 months ago, only one company, Chevron Overseas Petroleum of the U.S., is being awarded exploration rights in the Saurashtra off-shore block two out of 34 foreign oil firms selected to make final bids. Talks were still going on with a number of other companies, including Pemex of Mexico and Deminex of West Germany, the official said.

He said that of the 34 foreign companies selected, only seven had made final bids and five of them were for the Saurashtra two block given to Chevron. The Economic Times newspaper said the government had offered 17 off-shore blocks and 15 on-shore blocks but none of the firms were interested in the on-shore blocks.

The newspaper said some companies complained that all the attractive blocks had been reserved for Indian oil concerns.

Swiss sign pact with Australia

BERNE, Dec. 29 (AFP) — The Swiss government has confirmed that an accord had been reached for the purchase of natural Australian uranium and for the export to Canberra of nuclear material.

The accord, disclosed last week by the Swiss commission that negotiated the deal after two years of talks, must still be signed and ratified by the two governments. In 1977, Canada stopped its uranium exports to Switzerland because it claimed that Switzerland's controls on the exports of nuclear technology and material were too lax.

Australia's equivalent demands, although conforming to international standards, are less stringent. Switzerland's main current suppliers of uranium are the United States, South Africa, Niger and Gabon.

\$2.2b Jordan budget approved

AMMAN, Dec. 29 (R) — The National Consultative Council (parliament) has approved a Jordanian record budget of \$2.2 billion for 1982.

The new budget, approved Monday, represented a (\$380 million) increase over 1981.

The budget provides for \$540 million for the armed forces and \$1.05 billion for other public institutions.

Dominican Republic laws hamper tourism growth

SANTO DOMINGO, Dec. 29 (R) — The Dominican Republic is trying to boost tourism as a major revenue earner but at the same time making it difficult for some foreigners to visit the country. Tourism officials say the apparent contradiction is due to conflicting laws passed by previous anti-Communist governments to prevent "imported Communism" from making inroads in the Dominican Republic, which shares the Caribbean island of Hispaniola with Haiti.

Under a law passed in 1966 to facilitate the entry of foreign visitors, the only requirement is a tourists card costing \$5. But a clause in this law also states that the use of tourist cards can be restricted in the interests of national security, and therein lies the bottleneck.

At present, only citizens of Argentina, Costa Rica, Canada, Mexico, Panama, Venezuela and the United States from the Western Hemisphere can come here with any problems. The same privilege applies to a handful of other countries, mostly in Europe.

No one really knows the background behind this selective process. But for nationals of countries other than the "select countries," trying to visit the Dominican Republic is so time-consuming it's hardly worth the trouble. While unable to quantify the loss of prospective tourists, travel agents here claim it is significant.

Unless he is a citizen of the select group of countries, anyone wishing to visit the Dominican Republic has to complete a visa application form in quintuplicate at a Dominican consulate. Questions that must be answered include race, color, of skin, religion and political ideology. The completed form plus five photographs and \$7 are then forwarded to Santo Domingo by mail for vetting, principally by the National Investigation Department. The whole process takes anything from four weeks to four months, and on a few occasions a year.

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Brandt panel to convene in Kuwait

KUWAIT, Dec. 29 (AP) — Brandt Commission is to convene here Jan. 7 and resume its "efforts for better understanding" between developing and industrialized nations, the finance ministry announced Tuesday.

The commission will discuss world reaction to its performance so far, specifically to a report it prepared last March which envisages certain solutions to key international economic and social problems. The ministry announcement said the commission will suggest means for setting up a "more equitable world economic order."

Santo Domingo, the waiting time can be reduced to about a week.

Travel agents agree on the need to prevent the entry of drug traffickers or those considered security or health risks. But they say there is no reason why citizens from most countries cannot be allowed in without having to go through time-consuming bureaucratic entanglements.

Visa problems prevent the tourism industry from developing its full potential. Most of the tourists who visit the country annually come from Canada, United States and Puerto Rico. But there is scope for attracting tourists from elsewhere because of growing interest in the Caribbean and the peace and quiet of the Dominican Republic.

The government attaches great importance to developing tourism as a source of employment and revenue to meet its balance of payments difficulties and over the past few years has invested about \$700 million in the industry. It also created a tourism ministry in 1979 to oversee its development.

As the oldest colonial city in the new world, Santo Domingo offers tourists a rich cultural heritage and, especially for those from the U.S. and Canada, an escape from their bitter winter months. Over the years, the government has restored churches, houses and squares in the old Spanish colonial quarter.

Tourism has been rising steadily since 1970 when about 67,000 visitors came to this country. It nearly doubled in the following year to 106,000 visitors and has since risen progressively.

Now nearly 600,000 persons visit the Dominican Republic annually, spending about \$200 million in the process. In addition to the revenue, the industry has also generated about 40,000 jobs either directly or indirectly, an important consideration in a country where about 25 percent of a one million labor force is unemployed.

A ministry spokesman said the commission will also discuss the outcome of the North-South summit conference held in Cancun, Mexico, last October with participation of 22 heads of industrialized, oil-exporting and developing countries.

The commission is headed by former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt and a number of world economists, politicians and statesmen. Former British Prime Minister Edward Heath and Kuwait's Minister for Finance Abdul-Latif al-Hamad will be among those attending.

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Aussies on victory path

Windies reel under pressure

MELBOURNE, Dec. 29 (AP) — Australia need just one wicket on Wednesday to capture the exhilarating first cricket Test against the West Indies at the MCG. On Tuesday Australia, in a day of fluctuating fortunes, emerged on top to have the tourists at 154 for nine at the close of play on the fourth day, chasing 220 to win. The Australian bowlers kept the tourists under constant pressure throughout the day, and Bruce Yardley, Terry Alderman and Dennis Lillee all fully maintained the pressure. Yardley, with four for 38 off 21 overs, was the most successful, but Alderman's opening spell, and Lillee's closing effort — two wickets in the last two balls — were virtual match winners. Yardley's wickets came as the West Indian batsmen seemed to be getting back on top after being four for two wickets. He removed stubborn opener Desmond Haynes, the determined Larry Gomes and Jeffrey Dujon, and wicketkeeper David Murray in a tight, controlled display of spin bowling. But fellow Western Australian Terry Alderman set the scene for an Australian victory with two early wickets after Australia were dismissed for 222 in the first half-hour. In his first over, and the second of the innings, Alderman trapped opener Faoued Bacchus lbw and two balls later snared the prized scalp of master batsman Viv Richards — both without scoring. Alderman ended the over with two for none and left the tourists in desperate straits. Lillee, wicketless until his 27th over, removed Andy Roberts and Joel Garner with consecutive deliveries to end the day on a possible hat-trick — which would also win the match. An Australian captain Greg Chappell was quietly pleased with his team's performance. "We haven't won the game yet, we still have to get another wicket," he said.

Chappell said that the development of the game put the standard of the controversial MCG wicket into perspective. "It shows out because the Windies are a good batting side and like us they could not manage to make very many runs," he said. "I knew that winning the toss and batting first would be vital. "When Clive Lloyd lost the toss he laughed himself silly because he didn't know what to do it he had won it," Chappell said. "But I knew it would be less dangerous batting first." Chappell said he was aware the West Indies would come back in the second of the three-Test series starting in Sydney on Saturday. Chappell said Australia's success owed much to consistent bowling. "We put ourselves in a position that we just had to bowl well — and we did." Australia resumed their second innings this morning at 217 for seven with the unbeaten batsmen Allen Border on 65 and Dennis Lillee yet to score. But Border added only one run to his overnight tally before he was bowled by Michael Holding. Lillee, Alderman and Geoff Lawson added only one run between them, with both Lillee and Alderman falling to the irrepressible Holding. One bright spot for the West Indians was the performance of Michael Holding. The 27-year-old speedster ended the match with eleven for 107, the second time he had taken ten or more wickets in a Test match. Australia were all out for 222, leaving the West Indians almost two days to score 220 for victory. But the match swung back Australia's way after four deliveries from Alderman. He removed Richards and Bacchus in his first over. A short time later Lawson had Lloyd caught in slips by Border for 19 and the Windies were struggling at 30 for three. Opener

Desmond Haynes and Larry Gomes put on 42 runs in 85 minutes before Chappell brought on Yardley. Yardley's first delivery caught Gomes by surprise — beating bat and pad to bowl him for 24. A few overs later Yardley struck one more when Haynes, on 28, miscued a full toss high over the bowler's head, where Lillee moved in to take the catch. Haynes was on his way to the pavilion before Lillee had moved beneath the ball, and the Windies had fallen to 88 for five. Yardley took his third wicket in the innings when a determined David Murray was caught behind by Red Marsh for 10. With the tourists reeling at 116 for five, Australia seemed on the way to victory. But newcomer Jeff Dujon made 43 in a stubborn 163-minute innings to help bring up the 150, and give the tourists new hope. Yardley finally overcame the obstacle, inducing Dujon to touch a delivery into Marsh's waiting gloves. In the dying moments of the day Lillee burst on to the scene to bring Australia within sight of victory. He trapped Andy Roberts lbw for 10 off the third ball of his 27th over — and the fourth delivery had big Joel Garner lbw for a duck.

NHL to deal severely with erring players

MONTREAL, Dec. 29 (Agencies) — National Hockey League President John Ziegler says Paul Holmgren's punch — heard, felt, and decried around the world of hockey — has finally accomplished something worthwhile. Maybe. The NHL, under heavy pressure from outraged linesmen and referees, agreed to increase the severity of penalties for players who physically abuse officials and also did the standard right thing as far as bureaucracies go — appointed a committee to look into the matter. "Although we abhor the incident of an official being struck, nevertheless, it has produced a very meaningful dialogue regarding the league's traditional procedures of discipline," Ziegler said at the end of a two-day special meeting. The "meaningful dialogue" came as a result of a strike threat by officials who were angered that Holmgren, a Philadelphia winger, received only a five-game suspension and \$500 fine last week for striking referee Andy Van Hellemond.

For rugby tie against Aussies

England going all out

LONDON, Dec. 29 (AFP) — England's Rugby Union squad braved the wintry conditions to train for ninety minutes at Stourbridge, Wiltshire, Tuesday in preparation for Saturday's international against Australia at Twickenham. Only loc forward Maurice Colclough, who lives and plays in France, failed to make the squad session, which was held on a pitch covered by three inches of snow, in preference to using a gymnasium which had been made available at nearby Dudley. "We spent a lot of time countering the wheel and scrums and on line-out variations. Obviously, with a brand new back row, it was imperative that we get in some work on those tactics," said Mike Davis. Meanwhile, the Australians, with sights set on beating England, have paid the Combined Services the compliment of picking a near Test-strength side for their warm-up at the Military Stadium in Aldershot. The selection, however, has not much to do with the fighting qualities of the Servicemen but indicates the importance the Wallabies

attach to giving the side a good run out following an eight-day rest since the previous match at Gloucester last week. The Services, whose own preparations were hampered when a Saturday match with Public School Wanderers was ruled out by the cold weather, may appear "soft touch" mid-week fodder. But the last Australian side found them doughty opponents before winning. Ten of the side which went down to Scotland at Murrayfield ten days ago play again and the only two notable absences are Paul McLean and Andy Slack both of whom played in all the first three Tests. Mark Ella resumes the half back partnership with Phil Cox that was tried against Scotland, though this is unlikely to be the one sent into action at Twickenham on Saturday. The tourists have not given up of getting their senior scrum half, John Hipwell, out of action with rib injuries since the match with Wales December 5. . fit enough to pace England and if he does play, he could again link up with McLean.

Score-board

Table with cricket scores for Australia (1st Innings) and West Indies (1st Innings). Includes player names and runs scored.

Zaheer shines in drawn match

ADELAIDE, Dec. 29 (AP) — Pakistan captain Javed I Miandad's reluctance to declare his team's second innings brought the tourists' four-day game against South Australia to a tame end at Adelaide Oval Tuesday. South Australia, set the impossible task of scoring 370 runs in about 150 minutes to win, was 125 for one in its second innings at the close of play. Openers Rick Darling (58 not out) and Wayne Phillips (54) gave South Australia a 100-run opening partnership. The match that produced much enterprising batting deserved a better end. However, Miandad obviously felt Pakistan had little chance of forcing a win without Test bowlers Imran Khan, Sarfraz Nawaz, and Ibtal Qasim in the team. He allowed the Pakistan second innings to linger for 79 minutes after lunch before Zaheer Abbas, who had scored a sparkling 117, brought it to an end by throwing his wicket away. Earlier in the day, Miandad and Rizwan-Uz-Zaman restored control of the game to Pakistan with sound batting.

The game was in balance when Pakistan resumed at 183 for five Tuesday morning, with Miandad on 24 and Rizwan five, Miandad added 50 to his score in just 56 minutes and Rizwan went on to make 47. The game was still alive at lunch when Pakistan was 317 for eight and holding an overall lead of 271 runs with four hours of play remaining. But Zaheer quickly buried it after lunch as he sped from 32 to his century in just 72 minutes, completely dominating a last-wicket stand with Sikander Bakht. When Zaheer was out for 117, swinging wildly at a ball from part-time bowler Jeff Crowe, his partnership with Sikander had yielded 76 runs of which the Pakistan number 11 had contributed four. Brief scores: Pakistan 358 for 4 wickets, decl. and 415 (M. Akhtar 86, S. Malik 30, J. Miandad 74, Rizwan 47, Z. Abbas 117; Parkinson 2 for 88, Winter 4 for 89, Sleep 1 for 41, Crowe 1 for 10) drew with South Australia 404 for 6 wickets, decl. and 125 for 1 wkt. (R. Darling 58 n.o., W. Phillips 54; Faqih 1 for 31).

U.S. grandmaster outplayed

HASTINGS, England, Dec. 29 (AP) — U.S. grandmaster Larry Christiansen was completely outplayed by Soviet grandmaster Viktor Kupreichik in the first round of the Hastings International Chess Congress Monday. Christiansen, 25, from Modesto, California, was beaten after 35 moves, outmaneuvered by an early attack which Kupreichik, 32, developed down the King side. The Hastings tournament, with a total prize money of \$4,110 (\$7,810) has attracted eight grandmasters and six international masters from eight countries — the strongest entries of its 57-year history. The tournament is due to end Jan. 12. In another opening match, Soviet grandmaster, Vasily Smyslov, 60, and his New Zealand opponent, international master Chandler, 21, from Wellington, agreed a draw after 38 moves. Both were about to fall with the players short of the 40 moves required in the first five hours, and neither

was able to develop anything more out of the game. Swedish Grandmaster Ulf Andersson, 30, winner of the Hastings title for the past three years, beat Shaun Taulhut, 22, of Britain, in 36 moves. In a good win, British international master Paul Littlewood, 25, defeated Hungarian veteran Laszlo Szabo in 38 moves. Szabo, 64, who has won the Hastings title three times starting in 1947, is the oldest competitor. He has been out of international competition for two years while writing a book on chess. U.S. grandmaster Anatoly Lein, 50, from Jersey City, New Jersey, had an undistinguished game against British international master Nigel Short. They agreed a draw in 41 moves. In an all-English game, grandmaster Jonathan Steelman, 25, beat Jonathan Mestel, 24, in 26 moves. The game between Spanish international master Manuel Rivas, 21, and Dutch grandmaster Hans Ree, 37, was adjourned.

OAU to discuss boycott threat

ADDIS ABABA, Dec. 29 (R) — The Organization of African Unity (OAU) will decide in February whether or not to boycott the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, organization officials said Tuesday. Mamadou Diarra, the OAU director of Cultural and Social Affairs, and I.O. Mensah-Bonsu, the chief of decolonization, said, "The decision on whether Africa will go to Los Angeles or not will be taken by the February OAU Council of Ministers meeting" scheduled at Addis Ababa. The two officials repeated the OAU call for a boycott of all sporting events involving Americans over this autumn's South African Rugby Union tour of the United States. "The OAU secretariat maintains its earlier appeal to all member states and the world community to boycott all sporting events which includes the Americans," they said. Both officials rejected a statement by International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Juan Samaranch that the Los Angeles Games would not be affected because African sports leaders had been satisfied by the efforts the U.S. National Olympic Committee made to stop the American tour.

U.S. pair pilots sled to new mark

LAKE PLACID, New York, Dec. 28 (AP) — Brent Rushlaw and Jim Tyler, both of the United States, broke an Olympic record Sunday on Mount Van Hoevenberg and in the process won the National Two-Man Bobsled Championship. The pair piloted their sled down the one-mile (1.6 km) course Sunday in times of 1 minute, 1.92 seconds and 1:01.99 for a two-day combined total of 4:08.13 over four runs. The first two runs were held Saturday. The combined, four-run time bested an old Mount Van Hoevenberg mark of 4:09.36 set in the 1980 winter Olympic Games by the Swiss team of Eric Scharer and Joseph Benz. Racing under ideal conditions, the one-run record, set by Scharer and Benz during in the 1980 Olympics, also fell Sunday when Bob Hickey and Ed Card piloted their sled to a time of 1:01.79. Hickey and Card, both of the United States, finished second overall with a four-run time of 4:10.93. Third were Jeff Jost of Malone and Bob with a time of 4:13.107. Fourth were Tom Alrison and Glen Harrison, both U.S., at 4:13.15. Fifth placed were the U.S. navy team of Bill Renon and Carl Flanagan, with a time of 4:14.0. The four-man championship will be held next weekend on Mount Van Hoevenberg.

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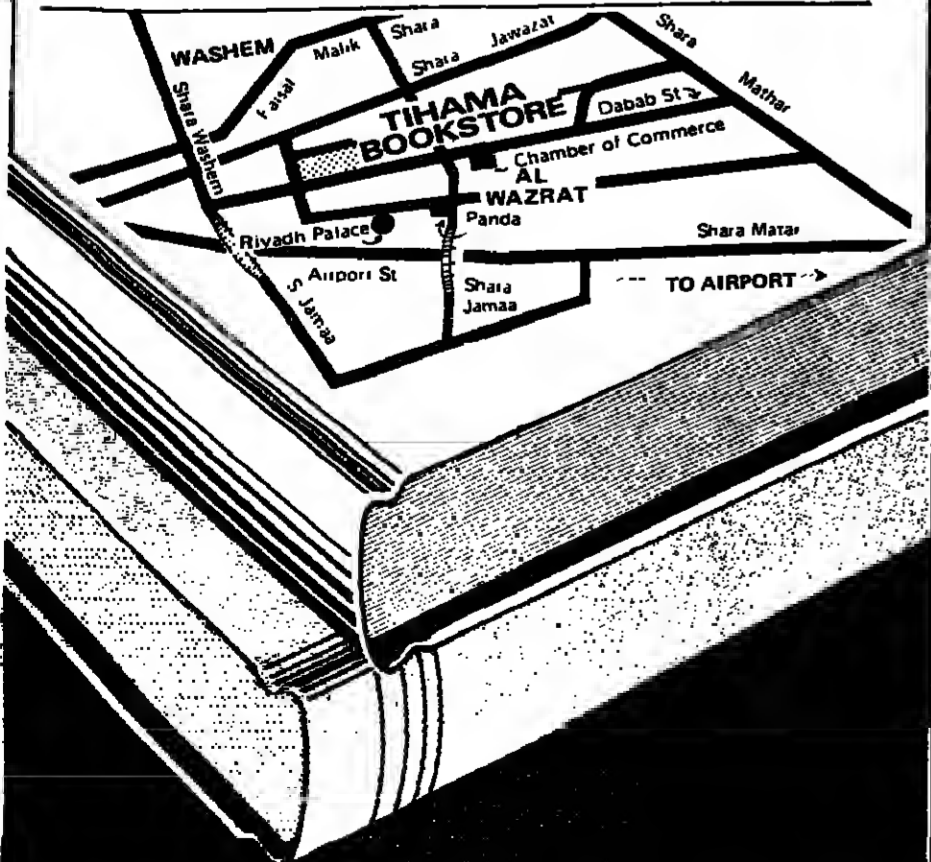


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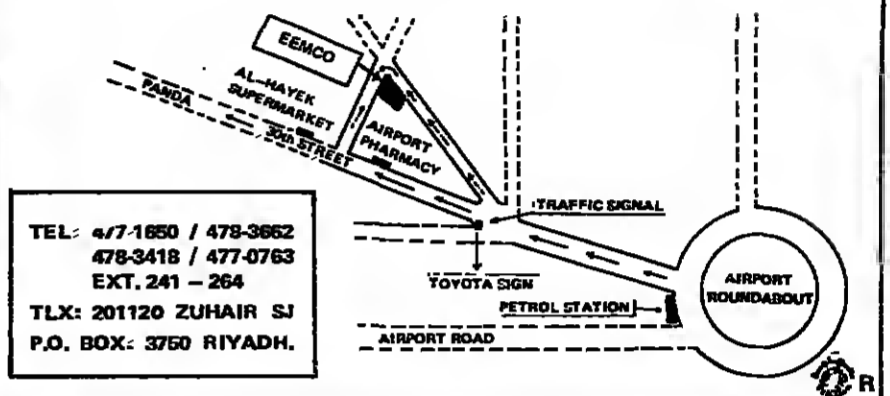
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